

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8:

In order to provide the necessary cushioning for the catalytic monolith, the steel wire mesh and the insulation material are crimped, preferably utilizing a multi-herringbone configuration with a multitude of perpendicular barriers, although other crimping and pleating geometries can be used. This structure can be made in many ways, such as placing the material between two layers of wire mesh, placing a single layer of wire mesh against the material, knitting the steel wire around and/or through the material, or any other process that would provide the sealing characteristics described herein. The actual crimping can be performed prior, during, or after the wire mesh and the material have been brought together, and the crimping height h (FIG. 5) can be varied to suit the needs of the particular catalytic monolith utilized. The wire mesh effectively protects the paper and provides the necessary cushioning, sealing, and/or support for the catalytic monolith.